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Mysuru to get COVID-19 Lab

Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar on hospital rounds in city

Dr. C.N. Manjunath explaining about the hi-tech cardiac screening facility to Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar during his visit to Jayadeva Hospital in city this morning. Mayor Tasneem, MLA L. Nagendra and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (PM&BCT)- Mysuru will get an advanced COVID-19 screening laboratory with all the necessary facilities to test patients for coronavirus symptoms and refer them to hospitals where quarantine centres have been set up, said Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

The Minister was speaking to reporters at Government Guest House in city this morning. The Minister is here for a series of hospital visits.

First he visited the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Centre behind PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road and he is scheduled to visit the Cheluvamba and K.R. Hospital in the afternoon.

Sudhakar said that the COVID-19 screening laboratory will be established in Mysuru within a fortnight and will be a facility that will help patients and suspected patients in the Mysuru region. "There is no need for panic and the laboratory is a part of the Government strategy to combat the killer virus and to send out a message that the Government is geared up to tackle the situation," he said and added that the State was taking all precautionary measures.

(See COVID-19 on page 13)

Realtor's murder brings service apartments under radar

Convenient and profitable for owners to rent out as they do not come under commercial tax net

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (RK&BCT)- The murder of real estate dealer, rowdy-sheeter and a small-time politician Anand alias Vadda Anand in a drunken stupor at a service apartment on Lalithadri Road near Lava Kusha Park at Kuvempunagar in the wee hours of Friday has brought the focus back on mushrooming of service apartments in city and the lack of rules to govern and monitor them. Forty-year-old Anand, a resident of Janatanagar in city, was murdered by his friends due to old rivalry and he was stabbed multiple times on the day of his birthday.

Service apartment is an easy-money business as they do not come under hotel business category and many rules that are applicable to lodges and hotels do not apply to them. Those who earlier preferred to stay in hotels and lodges are now looking at staying at service apartments due to certain relaxation of rules and regulations, 24/7 facilities available there and less monitoring by the Police and civic authorities.

High demand

The demand for service apartments is increasing at a fast pace as they offer a wide range of services and amenities like kitchenette, internet, cable and Wi-Fi connections and more for either short-term or long-term stays. It gives the experience of staying at a home away from home. Service apartments have become popular as they are less expensive compared to hotels. This kind of apartments in Mysuru can be rented out for long term as well as short term.

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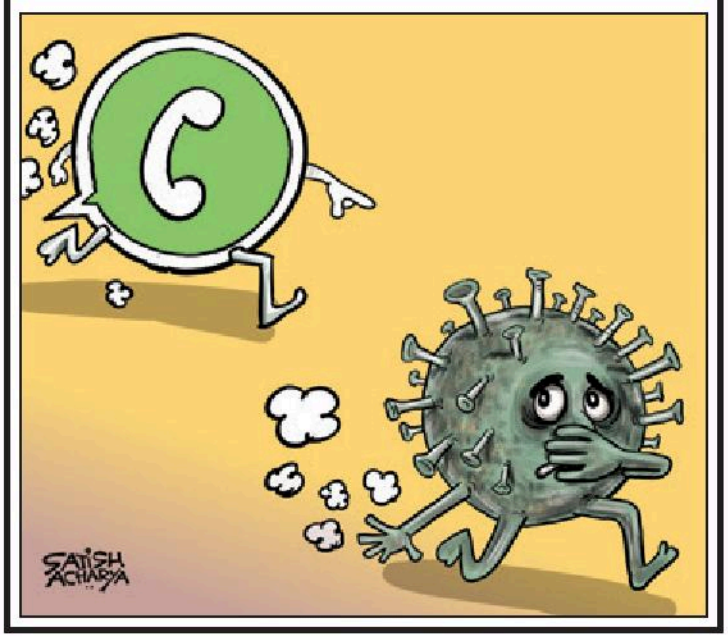
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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Inadequate infrastructure

The fond wish of Mysureans that their beloved city of Palaces, temples, parks, museums, schools that have endured for 100 plus years, centres devoted to yoga, music, dance and so on, not to forget the lakes facing threats to their survival as well as residential areas hosting achievers in many fields, should not go the Bengaluru way has found expression in the recent past with every sign of their wish far from being realised. The proposal to include 26 villages in the vicinity of Mysuru within the territory of its urban local body amounts to add a few thousand households to the existing cluster of about three lakh households, thus increasing the basic civic needs of the residents, already remaining unaddressed. One such need being *infrastructure*, a term that doesn't convey the full meaning of *development*, which in turn breaks down to ensuring space for roads, dwellings, schools, parks, buildings for Government Departments, hospitals, hotels, shops, places of worship, vegetable markets, roadside eateries, footpaths, parking of vehicles, bus shelters, power lines, halls for public functions, playgrounds, wedding venues, heritage structures, Police Stations, Fire Brigade and what have you.

Addition of more households, apart from raising the density of urban residents compels expanding the geographical area of the respective city, as is the case of Mysuru now with a sprawling area of nearly 140 sq. kms. The ratio of Bengaluru's *area* to that of Mysuru is five but the ratio of their *headcounts* being 10 sounds an alarm to all cities about rising congestion.

However optimistic that one chooses to feel about the future of cities that are bursting at the seams as it were and the remaining ones witnessing the trend towards the same happening in foreseeable future, taking Mysuru for illustration, it is overdue to visualise the limits to which any city can expand its geographical area and the number of households it can host. In addition, measures such as constructing flyovers to facilitate more vehicles to move on the city roads, raising high rise buildings to add residential dwellings and commercial establishments, as is being done in all mega cities across the country only amount to fire-fighting operations. Every component of infrastructure listed earlier in this column is required to conform to norms of space and architecture, without resorting to tokenism in conforming to those norms.

Top entrepreneurs of Bengaluru, as published in a section of the press, have been quoted saying: "Bengaluru doomed if infra neglected." Their prescription of rail-based transportation is well-taken, but that leaves the question of overcoming inadequacy of infrastructure unanswered. Even God may not have an answer. Development and disaster have tended to keep each other's company as synonyms!

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The CAA has nothing to do with Indian citizens. It only seeks to provide citizenship to a limited number of people who have been persecuted in India's three Islamic neighbours. The premise on which the agitation is being carried on is completely baseless and indicative of the extent of mischief a bunch of malcontents can do when the electorate rejects their agenda. More importantly, anyone who reads The Citizenship Act, 1955 (the whole Act and not just the 2019 amendment to it) will realise how water-tight the citizenship of a natural-born citizen (a citizen born on Indian soil) is under this Act and that in reality, no one has the power to take it away.

— A. Suryaprakash in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man locks wife in bathroom for fear of coronavirus

Vilnius: A man who locked his wife in the bathroom and refused to let her out, because she may have been infected with the dreaded coronavirus wreaking havoc around the world was in news headlines recently. On Feb. 26, Police in Vilnius, Lithuania, received a distress call from a woman in the city's Antakalnis upscale neighborhood, who claimed to have been locked in her home bathroom by her husband and two adult sons. When the Pplice arrived, the husband casually told them that he had locked his wife in the bathroom, to prevent getting infected with the coronavirus as she had traveled to Italy recently and had come in contact with Chinese people. She had told her husband that she was concerned that she may have become infected with the coronavirus.

Instead of comforting his spouse, the man reportedly called a doctor and told him about her fears; he was then advised by the physician to isolate the woman, so he and his sons locked her in the bathroom.

The most unappetizing-looking desserts

London: Chef Ben Churchill calls himself a "food illusionist" and while the title may seem a bit pompous, it's actually quite fitting, as Churchill specializes in disguising delicious desserts as the most unappetizing things imaginable.

Most chefs try their best to make desserts look as yummy as possible, but Ben Churchill does the exact opposite. He goes out of his ways to make his sweet confections look completely inedible; he does this by disguising them as ashtrays full of cigarette butts, dish washing sponges complete with detergent foam, and even rotten fruit with disgusting-looking green mold. Most people wouldn't touch his desserts if someone paid them, but they'd be missing out, as they are actually delicious.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can the brain feel pain?

The brain has no pain receptors, so it cannot feel pain. However, several areas of the head and neck do have pain receptors. They include: extracranial arteries, large veins, cranial and spinal nerves, head and neck muscles, and the meninges.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Elected to Kodagu Sahakara Sangha

Mysuru, Mar. 7- The following members were elected as office-bearers and Directors of Kodagu Sahakara Sangha, Mysuru, for the period 2020 - 2025:

President - A.C Nanjamma (Chambanda); Vice - President - Munjandira A. Ravi; Treasurer- Byrettira K. Ganapathy; Executive Director- Ponjanda Lovely Appaiah; and Directors - Ponnimada K. Biddappa, Munjandira G. Devaiah, Ittira G. Kashiappa, Thathanda M. Bheemaiah, Kandanda Bose Achaiah, Meederira K. Prakash, Mukkatira C. Aiyappa, Chendanda S. Nirmala and Ittira Jyothi Kashiappa, according to a press release from the Sangha.

Selected for Dr. Raja Ramanna Excellence Achievement Award

Dr. Mohan Krishna

Mysuru, Mar. 7- Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, working as a Professor at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has been selected for the prestigious Dr. Raja Ramanna Excellence Achievement Award. This award, instituted by Global Achievers Council, Chennai, will be given to him during the University Convocation at Chennai on Mar.28.

This award has been given to him in recognition of his achievements in Teaching, Research and Publications and also achievements in the field of Science and Technology. He will also be conferred honorary doctorate, Doctor of Science, on this occasion.

Winner of IT Fest

Nagadurga

Mysuru, Mar. 7- Y. Nagadurga, II semester MCA student of PG Wing of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre, Mysuru, won second prize in Web Wonders- IT and Management Fest organised by Sesadripuram Degree College, Department of Computer Science, Commerce and Management, Mysuru, recently.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Two-wheeler riding: Indiscipline and lawlessness on city roads

Sir,

Enforcement of traffic rules seems to have totally collapsed as regards two-wheeler riding in Mysuru. Majority of the two-wheeler riders including the pillion riders do not wear helmet.

• The two-wheelers are driven recklessly which is dangerous for the riders and others on the road. Some of the two-wheelers are driven by minors.

• Overtaking seems to be from all sides. If a test is taken even the Regional Transport Office will be confused after hearing the answers from such riders.

• Many of the two-wheelers are driven with more than the permissible two persons including the pillion rider.

• Zooming on bikes with no silencers seems to be a thrill for such drivers.

Indiscipline and lawlessness in two-wheeler riding has increased manifold since a few months and Mysuru seems to have overtaken Bengaluru in this aspect.

I request the authorities concerned to strictly implement enforcement of traffic rules and ensure city roads safe especially for disciplined drivers and pedestrians.

—N. Bhaskar
Brindavan Extension
1.3.2020

What a bad taste !

Sir,

I was going through the article *'Point of View'* published in *Star of Mysore* dated Mar. 3. I felt very bad the way the author viewed the handwriting of the President of USA.

I think it is very cheap in commenting about one's handwriting. Handwriting is one's built-in trait, caliber. I don't know how the handwriting of the author is. But I feel it was not necessary for the author to comment on the handwriting of a world leader.

In his over-zeal of commenting on two great leaders, I suppose, the author has nothing to find fault and chose to comment on the handwriting of a world leader. I feel this is not in good taste to comment on the two world leaders.

— R. Gnana Prabhu
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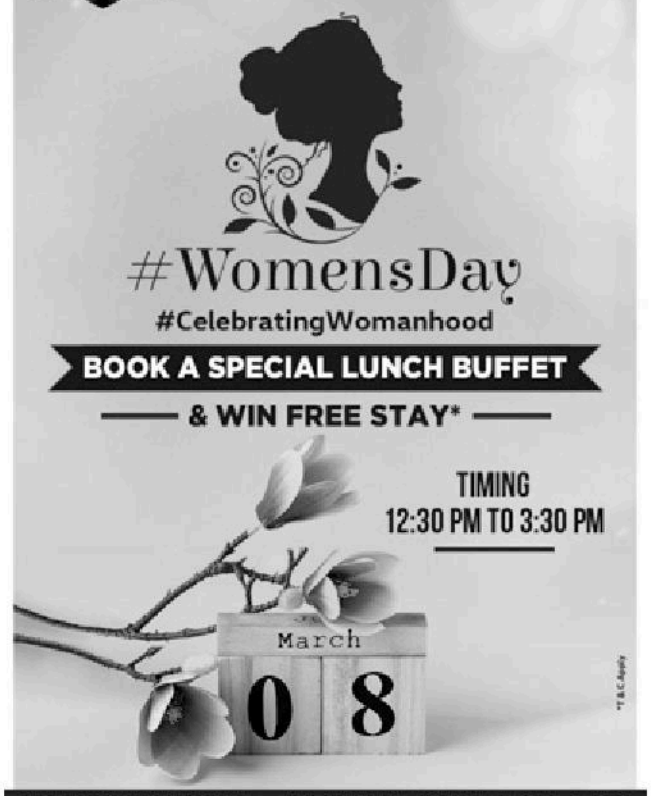
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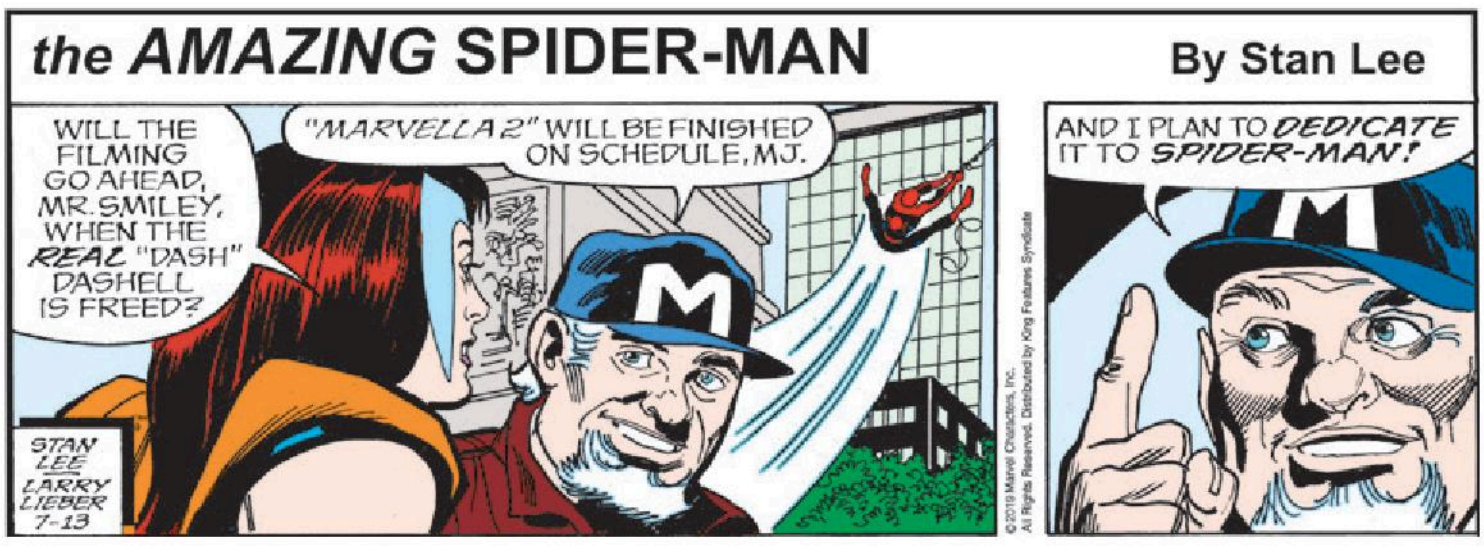
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NEWS BRIEFS

'Stree Shakti' convention

Marking International Women's Day, the District administration, in association with Zilla Panchayat, Women and Child Welfare Department, University of Mysore and District Stree Shakti Okkoota, has organised 'Stree Shakti', a convention of women, at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri, at 10.30 am tomorrow (Mar.8). District Minister V.Somanna will inaugurate. MLA L. Nagendra will preside. MP Pratap Simha, Mayor Tasneem and others will be present.

General Body Meeting of KBBC

K.B.B.C Employee's Union will hold its Special General Body Meeting tomorrow (Mar. 8) at 11.30 am at Freedom Fighters Park, Subbarayanakere in city.

Grievances meet for specially-abled

A meeting has been organised at DC Office auditorium, opposite Kalamandira in city to hear the grievances of specially-abled persons on Mar. 10 at 10 am. DC Abhriam G. Sankar will preside over the meeting.

CET coaching

Akhila Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), Mysuru, will be conducting free coaching classes for Common Entrance Test (CET) starting from Mar. 26. The classes will be held at ABVP Office located on 4th cross, Sunnadakeri, N.S. Road. Mob: 80501-03669 or 84948-11811.

Pongala Mahotsava

Karnataka Nair Society , Mysore Karayogam, Mahila Vibhag, is jointly organising Attukal Pongala Mahotsava on Mar. 9 from 9 am at Sree Rajarajeshwari Temple, Visveswaranagar 3rd Stage, Industrial Suburb, J.P. Nagar, in city. Ladies interested to take part in the Pongala Mahotsava may register their names with Ravi Menon, Society Secretary on Mob: 96110-73530.

Matrimonial meet

Siddharthanagar Vokkaligara Sangha has organised a matrimonial meet of Vokkaliga brides and grooms from 10 am to 12 noon tomorrow (Mar.8) at Siddharthanagar Sports Club. For details, call Mob: 96861-53934.

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Kashmiri students enjoy a slice of Royal culture

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (SBD&AM)- About 82 Kashmiri students, with Mysuru Petas adorning their heads, danced their hearts away to the beats of Kamsale, presented by girl-students of Maharani's Arts College and Dollu Kunita, by Sumanth and troupe, last evening in city.

The students, who are on a tour of the heritage city, as part of 'Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme,' organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Mysuru, under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, under the theme, 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat,' were given a grand welcome at the Youth Hostel in Gangothri Layout, last evening, where they will stay for their 6-day event.

These students were in awe of the city's rich culture, the lush greenery and the folk culture. With shawls around their neck and petas on their heads, students clicked selfies with the performing artistes and danced effortlessly to the beats of the folk music, including Veeragaase.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan State Director Atul J. Nikam inaugurated the formal programme and addressing the Kashmiri students, said, "Such exchange programmes bring about national integration. The youth of today should get employment anywhere they go within the country, a dream of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These programmes help the youth learn the local culture, traditions, thereby helping them acquaint better with the localites when they go to other cities or States in search of jobs."

A total of 132 students from six districts of Kashmir — Anantnag, Kupwara, Baramulla, Budgam, Srinagar and Pulwama — are taking part in the six-day event which also includes a visit to the Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill, TVS Factory in Kadakola, a heritage walk inside the premises of the century-old Mysore University, local food festivals and an unique event called 'Atithi Satkara.'

Kashmiri students Nazeema Bashir, Tariq Ahmed, Siraj Ahmed and Riyaz Malik, along with their counterparts, National Youth awardee Anupama, Maharani College Faculty members Manonmani, Manjula Ramesh, Rukmini Chandran, Varkodu Prakash, Leela Shivakumar and Nehru Yuva Kendra District Youth Coordinator S. Siddaramappa were present.

The remaining 50 students out of the 132, arrived in two batches in city this morning.

On abolition of Article 370

The Kashmiri students, addressing a press meet after the programme on 'National Integration' held at JSS College of Pharmacy, last evening, said, "The situation in Kashmir has not worsened after the abolition of Article 370 as reported in some sections of the press. The situation which prevailed seven months ago has gotten better now. Law and order are in place, people are carrying on with their daily routine and Schools and Colleges are being run without any issues."

"There are pros and cons post the abolition of Article 370. Citizens of Kashmir were provided employment under a special quota before the abolition of Article 370, but now, we like any other citizens of India have to compete to get the best jobs available for us out there. But, protests, bomb attacks and other forms of violence have decreased to a large extent," the students said.

'Atithi Satkara' for 132 students at Vijayanagar

Nehru Yuva Kendra - Mysuru, Vijayanagar's Sri Chamundeshwari Swasahaya Sangha, Sri Samruddhi Swasahaya Sangha and Sri Annapoorneshwari Swasahaya Sangha and residents of Vijayanagar in city, have jointly organised a meet and greet event, 'Atithi Satkara' for these 132 students at Vijayanagar this evening.

The students will be taken on a visit to Vijayanagar from the Youth Hostel premises at 4.30 pm wherein they will visit 50 houses in the locality as a group of 3-5 in each, interact with the residents and know their lifestyles, customs and culture. They will be provided coffee, tea and snacks at these houses after which they will proceed towards the KSOU Auditorium in Vijayanagar at 6.30 pm to take part in Hindi Antakshari event organised for them, followed by dinner.

"During their visit to Vijaynagar, Police Personnel will be deployed at each house," said Sri Chamundeshwari Swasahaya Sangha Heads G.K. Anuradha and Seema.

Yes Bank depositors rush to ATMs but most unable to withdraw cash

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (SBD&BCT)- Hundreds of harried Yes Bank depositors rushed to ATMs in city to withdraw cash but faced multitude of problems including closed down machines and long queues, after the RBI placed the bank under a moratorium, capping maximum withdrawals at Rs. 50,000 per account for a month.

Aggravating the problems of depositors were difficulties accessing the internet banking channel, which ensured that they cannot transfer the funds online as well. At the Bank's branch on Kalidasa Road, people queued up in front of cash counters to withdraw cash as ATMs were not working and notices were pasted on the glass doors of the Bank. Panicked account holders rushed to homes to get cheque leaves to withdraw cash.

Customers rushed to the ATMs and the bank to withdraw money but even after waiting for hours, a few were left empty handed as there wasn't enough cash available. Even during the evening hours, long queues were seen at the bank branch and ATMs in city yesterday.

A depositor said that it is possible to withdraw up to Rs. 50,000 through cheques. But ATM machines went dry within minutes of the RBI announcement, a lady customer said. The regulatory actions, undertaken by the RBI and the Government, came hours after Finance Ministry sources confirmed that SBI was directed to bail out the troubled lender. "I don't have any cash with me. I was here since morning to get some cash for my disposal but now I am going home empty handed," said another Yes Bank customer.

A statement from the Yes Bank said, "This is a temporary moratorium made by the Government to protect the interest of the Bank's customers. While the withdrawal limit for each depositor has been capped at Rs.50,000 in aggregate from all accounts, entire team of Yes Bank is committed to ensure seamless transactions for customers during the period of moratorium. If you require funds in excess of Rs. 50,000 for medical treatment, marriage, higher education or any other unavoidable emergency, a provision has been made for consideration up to Rs. 5 lakh with the approval of the Reserve Bank of India."

"A solution is being worked upon to revive the Bank well before the moratorium period of 30 days ends. Please be rest assured that the interest of the customers is the top priority of the Bank. We are working towards ensuring that you can continue to bank with us with comfort and ease," the statement added.

SBI to invest in Yes Bank

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi yesterday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the State Bank of India had expressed interest in investing in Yes Bank. Sitharaman's comments came just as the Reserve Bank of India unveiled a draft revival plan.

Under the draft plan, SBI would invest money in Yes Bank and own 49 percent of the restructured Bank. Yes Bank's market value would also be revised to Rs. 5,000 crore with 2,400 crore equity shares with a value of Rs. 2 each, aggregating to Rs. 4800 crore.

The capital infusion would happen with SBI paying at least Rs. 10 per share and not the face value of Rs. 2. According to a back-of-the-envelope calculation, at Rs. 10 per share, SBI would have to fork out Rs. 11,760 crore to own 49 percent of the restructured Yes Bank.

10 Public Sector Banks to turn into four big banks from April 1

New Delhi, Mar. 7 (UNI)- The Cabinet has approved the consolidation of 10 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) into four 'mega banks' from April 1.

The Narendra Modi Government had announced the mega merger in August last year. As per the plan, United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce would merge with Punjab National Bank, making the proposed entity the second largest Public Sector Bank. Syndicate Bank will be merged with Canara Bank, and Allahabad Bank with Indian Bank.

Similarly, Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank are to be clubbed with Union Bank of India. The idea had been first publicly mooted in December 2018 when the RBI said that India could create some global banking majors if the then-ongoing mergers of some state-owned Banks achieve the desired impact of creating stronger and well-capitalised lenders of global scale.

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By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj – 5

Shivaji becomes a political force in Deccan and a challenger to Aurangzeb

[Continued from Feb. 26]

After capturing three Forts that belonged to the Bijapur Sultan without a fight, using his raw courage as an youngster, through cunning, bribing the greedy Governor of a Fort and by his Machiavellian methods, Shivaji was strong enough to venture into the Konkan coast with 20,000 men in his service. Thus he posed a threat to the Bijapur Sultan who commanded his General Afzal Khan to march an army against the Marathas.

It was intriguing that instead of the two armies confronting each other, Afzal Khan had sent an envoy to Shivaji for an interview and a negotiation of surrender. Shivaji agrees for a meeting inside a huge tent that was erected for the purpose. Afzal Khan entered the tent with his followers. But, Shivaji was surprised to see Afzal Khan with his swordsmen. Shivaji demanded swordsmen be kept out of the tent for which Afzal Khan agreed. Then, Shivaji entered the tent.

Historian Dennis Kincaid writes, "Afzal Khan seemed determined to pick a quarrel at once. Without even referring his mission, he began to complain that it was intolerable to find a petty land owner's son aping the airs of a prince..."

Afzal Khan expressed wonder at the luxurious furnishing of the tent by Shivaji. For this Shivaji said that it was a compliment to the envoy from Bijapur, Afzal Khan himself. Naturally, Afzal Khan was flattered. The historian writes, "He nodded slowly and opened his arms to offer Shivaji the embrace customarily exchanged between opposing leaders at a peace conference. Shivaji stepped forward to accept the embrace. He was more than a head shorter than Afzal Khan."

"As soon as they were locked in an embrace, Afzal Khan moved his arm up Shivaji's back and clutched him around the neck. It was a restless grip. As soon as Shivaji felt that strong arm close suddenly upon his neck, he felt faint with sudden fear. He wriggled in Khan's grasp but the grip further tightened..."

"Shivaji got his right arm free and dug the steel tiger-claws concealed in the palm of his left hand deep into Afzal Khan's back. Then, with his right hand, he drew his scorpion dagger from his belt and drove it into Afzal Khan's side. The Afghan, Afzal Khan, staggered back shouting with rage and pain."

Immediately, the attendants of both Afzal Khan and Shivaji came running into the tent. There was a short fight between the two forces. The Bijapur soldiers carried their wounded leader away to his camp even as Maratha soldiers went after them fighting. One by one, the attendants of Afzal Khan were wounded or killed. Then a Maratha cut off Afghan Khan's head and lifted it up in triumph.

After this, Bijapur was never again able to challenge Shivaji's independence. In the meanwhile, Shivaji had made acquaintance with the English who were the main suppliers of guns to Bijapur to build the artillery. Though the English factories supplied defective guns to the Marathas, Shivaji ensured they were operational and every Fort of his was garrisoned by Maratha hill-men under a Maratha Commandant. Shivaji's capital was Raighad Fort and the Fort engineer was of the Prabhu caste. I have heard that a leading political family of Maharashtra today belongs to this Prabhu caste.

In the meanwhile, Aurangzeb had never forgotten Shivaji's raid in his rear, port of Surat, during his advance on Bijapur. In 1663, he ordered his uncle **Shayista Khan,** to go to Bijapur and the South with an army to tame the rebels. **So, hardly had Shivaji made his peace with Bijapur when he was forced to enter on a long struggle with the great Mughal, a far more formidable adversary than Bijapur.** Shivaji was just 33 years old. Maratha forces, at this period, was less than 10,000 compared to the huge Mughal forces. Naturally no battle was possible for Shivaji in the plains with the Mughals.

Therefore, a smart strategist that he was, Shivaji headed towards the mountains (remember the epithet he got from Aurangzeb as the "mountain rat?"). As a result, Shayista Khan occupied Shivaji's Palace 'Lal Mahal' in Pune without resistance. Monsoon soon set in giving respite to the forces of both sides. During this period many myths were created about Shivaji — about he being helped by a *spirit* to escape from the temple in Pune where he had gone incognito to listen to a discourse by Sant Tukaram, about his being seen in one place and then vanishing suddenly etc.

Then there was a ruse set by Shivaji to attack Shayista Khan in Pune by holding a fake marriage procession. The legend is that Shivaji had himself approached the Mughal Civil Governor for permission and walked in the procession as a drummer! Shivaji managed to enter the Palace, his own, now occupied by the Mughal General. Naturally, Shivaji knew every nook and corner of his Palace and that was his great advantage. Killing for Shivaji, as a great warrior, had become his second nature, just as his acts of kindness and human compassion — depending upon the situations. He felled many cooks in the Palace kitchen, Palace attendants and security to enter the chief room in the Palace where Shayista Khan was sleeping.

The noise of breaking into the room woke up Khan. Shivaji, sword in hand, sprang towards Khan's bed. With panic-agility Shayista Khan rolled off his bed and Shivaji's stroke fell short, severing only Khan's thumb. In the darkness Khan escaped.

But in the desperate fight that took place in the harem, where Khan was hiding, his son was killed though Khan escaped from here. The whole Palace was now in uproar. The ruthlessness of Shivaji, his grit and courage were probably the reason for his success in the face of mighty enemies like the Mughals. For example, while he was making a hurried get-away with his men from the Palace, the sentries at the city gate stopped him using a war-elephant. But Shivaji with a single stroke cut off the trunk of the elephant, opened the gate and escaped into the night.

Imagine, Shivaji creating an illusion of having huge forces with him by ordering his men to tie lit torches to every tree in the forest of the Fort. When the Mughals saw the blaze of torches across their path in the night, they withdrew thinking that the whole of Maratha army was there!

The news of Shivaji's extraordinary exploits caused utmost consternation in Delhi where magic powers were attributed to Shivaji by the superstitious. He was imagined to be having an "airy body". A Portuguese writer had wondered at Shivaji's feats in these words: "The question is still unsolved whether Sevagy (Shivaji) substituted others for himself or he is a Magician or the Devil."

[To be continued]

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PES students qualify for Go-kart finals

Mandya, Mar. 7 (Nagaiah)- PES College of Engineering in Mandya has been encouraging students to take part in various competitions not only at Institute level but also at State and National-levels in all curricular and co-curricular aspects.

In this context, the students of Automobile, Mechanical and Industrial Production Engineering Departments — two teams comprising 27 and 17 students in each team respectively, took part in the National-level GKDC (Go-kart Design Challenge) competition held in February at Kari Motor Speedway in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

The students designed, implemented and tested the Go-kart (Racing Car) at the prescribed national-level track. To achieve this, the students had to undergo training, in-house technical inspection and driver training programme before entering into the final event consisting of static and dynamic events.

In the final event, both the teams succeeded to excel in the static event comprising Design and Cost Evaluation, Assembly and disassembly tests well within the prescribed time limits.

Further, both teams were allowed to take part in the dynamic event comprising Acceleration/Brake test, Auto Cross, Skid pad and Endurance test (racing).

The student teams have successfully qualified for the final Endurance Test, according to a press release from the College Principal Dr. H.V. Ravindra.

Zoo animals adopted

Mysuru, Mar. 7- The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under "Adoption of Animals" scheme by paying the adoption fee:

S. Raghavendra, Mysuru- White Peacock (Rs.3,500); Padmini Varadaraj, Mysuru - White Peacock (Rs.3,500); Matthina Gunedy, Germany - White Peacock (Rs.3,500); College of Forestry, Sirsi - Male Hoolock Gibbon (Rs.10,000); Spoorthy Gopinath, Bengaluru - Star Tortoise, Common Barn Owl and Indian Cobra (Rs. 7,500); B.V Rajalakshmi, Bengaluru - Silver Pheasant (Rs. 3,500); Rasik Ramesh, Bengaluru - Ring Tailed Lemur (Rs.5,000); Saiprasail M. Aivalli, Gadag- Green Anaconda (Rs.10,000); J. Sharanya, Mysuru- Cockatiel (Rs. 1,000); Malhar Khadilkar, Bengaluru - Barasingha (Rs. 7,500); Vishzvas Tejnath, Mysuru - Tawny Eagle (Rs.15,000) and Turnkur Precision Pressing Work - Common Ostrich (Rs. 10,000), according to a press release from Mysuru Zoo Executive Director.

Gurukumara Panchakshari Samman for Pt. Indudhar Nirody

Gaanayogi Panchakshari Sangeetha Parampara Utsav, Panchakshari Gadag Gharana Sammelana on Mar. 8

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (AM)- City's noted Hindustani vocalist and octogenarian, Pandit Indudhar Nirody has been selected for 'Gurukumara Panchakshari Samman-2020' for his achievements in the field of Hindustani music.

He will be presented the award at the Gaanayogi Panchakshari Sangeetha Parampara Utsav and Panchakshari Gadag Gharana Sammelana, jointly organised by Sri Guru Panchakshari Seva Samiti - Gadag and Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha - Mysuru, at Ganabharathi on Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar in city on Mar. 8.

Pt. Indudhar Nirody

The award, instituted by Gadag's Sri Guru Panchakshari Seva Samiti in the memories of Sri Guru Hangalla Kumara Mahaswamy and Gaanayogi Sri Panchakshari Gawai, will be presented to Pandit Indudhar Nirody, along with Rs. 25,000 cash, certificate and a memento.

Programme schedule

Mar. 8 (8.30 am to 2 pm): As part of the Gaanayogi Sangeetha Parampara Utsav and Panchakshari Gadag Gharana Sammelana, youth singers from city — Sandhya Bhat, M. Shivakumar, Dr. Chethana Mudhola, Prabhurao, Ravi Dhage, Siddanagowda Patil, Ramesh Kolakunda, Shivadev Samsthanmutt, J. Niranjan — will present classical music, followed by a flute recital by Sameer Rao.

2.30 pm to 4.30 pm: Vaishnavi Hanagal, Pandit Veerabhadraiah Hiremath, Dr. M.S. Bhaskar will present music programmes followed by a group performance by Ramesh Dhannur, Dr. Dundayya Swamy, Ganesh Gorata, Anantha Hampiholi and Prabhurao.

4.30 pm to 6.30 pm: As part of Gharana Sammelana, Pandit Rajaguru Guruswamy Kalikeri, Gadag and Ustad Fayaz Khan, Bengaluru, will present vocal recitals.

Accompanying artistes for all the vocal recitals are — Sharankumar Guttaragi, Prof. Mrutyunjaya Mutt, Bhimashankar Bidanur, M. Ganesh, Adarsh Shenoy, Dr. Dundayya Swamy, Dr. Kalmesh Badiger, Anantha Hamipholi (Tabla), Vignesh Bhagavat, Deepak Nagannanavar and Sriram Bhat (harmonium).

Award presentation: Pandit Indudhar Niordy will be presented with 'Gurukumaraa Panchakshari Samman-2020' award at 6.30 pm on Mar. 8.

Music Varsity in-charge Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nagesh V. Bettakote will inaugurate the award ceremony in which Sri Guru Panchakshari Seva Samiti President Prof. Rajaguru Guruswamy Kalikeri will preside. Gadag Adaveendra Swami Mutt's Sri Maheshwara Swamiji will be the chief guest. Swarasankula Sabha President Dr.M.S. Bhaskar and others will be present. Pandit Indudhar Nirody will present a music programme on the occasion.

Profile: Pandit Indudhar Nirody, born on July 11, 1935 in Puttur, Dakshina Kannada, hails from a family of musicians and was initiated to music at the age of 10 by his father Nirody Sunderrao. He learnt Hindustani music under Gawai Pitre Rama Rao and gave his first concert at the age of 12. After moving to Mumbai, he further trained under stalwarts like Pt. Gurudat Heblekar, Acharya SCR Bhat, Acharya KG Ginde, Pt. Dinkar Kaikini and Pt. Chidanand Nagarkar for well over two decades.

He had accompanied his Gurus in concerts, in addition to giving solo performances. He had assimilated and imbibed finer aspects of Raagdari Sangeet. A stickler to tradition, he improvises with great elan. While his forte is Khayal singing, having trained in Agra Gharana style, he is equally at ease in rendering Dhrupad-Dhamars and Thumris. He has performed all over the country including lecture-demonstrations on various aspects of Hindustani music. He was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hanagal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru.

Workshop for wannabe women entrepreneurs

Mysuru, Mar. 7- The Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Institution Innovation Council of GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Metagalli, Mysuru, in association with Catalyst for Women Entrepreneurs (CWE), Mysuru Chapter and SBI, recently conducted a workshop detailing different schemes for getting loan from the bank, exclusively for women entrepreneurs, at the College premises in city.

Dr. Shrilakshmi, CWE member and Convener of the programme inaugurated the event and briefed the audience on the importance of women entrepreneurs and their success stories. This was followed by a talk from Ayurshree who explained the activities of CWE, a Bengaluru-based NGO, founded by Sucharita Eshwar. The NGO has enabled 3,100 women entrepreneurs to succeed in their ventures.

Dr. P. Raviraj and Dr. S. Padmashree gave an overview about the Institute. Ratnashree, Founder- Her-Money, gave a talk on types of funding options available for different industries. This was followed by a session by Seetha Raghav from SBI, Mysuru who gave a talk on how SBI can help in availing schemes.

Advocate K.V. Prasanna, Valuer Devaraju, SBI team comprising L.S. Shashidhar and SBI Hebbal Branch Chief Manager Abhishek Nanda, CWE Mysore team members Babita Singh and Padmaja and students of the GSSSIETW were present. Ayurshree proposed a vote of thanks.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds unveils mega global expansion plans

To open 19 brand new showrooms in three months

Bengaluru, Mar. 7- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest and fast growing jewellery retail chains in the world, has firmed up mega expansion plans to bolster its business in India and abroad. As part of these plans, Malabar Gold & Diamonds will open 13 new showrooms in different States of India and 6 showrooms in other countries.

The new showrooms will go on stream in the next three months. Besides this, Malabar Gold & Diamonds has also started spade-work to expand its India footprint by opening new showrooms in cities and towns.

The expansion is part of Malabar Gold & Diamonds ambitious plan to become the world's largest gold retail chain. Currently the company owns and operates more than 260 showrooms across 10 countries. The aim is to triple the total showroom count to 750.

In India, the Malabar Gold & Diamonds will open new showrooms in Chandigarh, Kumbhakonam in Tamil Nadu, Patna in Bihar, Kammam in Telangana, Lucknow and Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh, Kammanahali in Karnataka, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Vashi and Thane in Maharashtra, Bhubaneswar in Odisha, Dwaraka in Delhi and Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh within the next three months. The company will open new showrooms in Malaysia, Bangladesh, Singapore, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Qatar also.

Besides increasing the showroom count, the company has started the process of increasing the number of ornament making units. At present the company has jewellery making units in Kolkata, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bangalore and Coimbatore.

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Our city, which is often called the cultural capital, is littered with statues and busts more often with a political intention to appease various communities rather than for cultural reasons.

But in the past few years a few citizens with an artistic inclination have offered to install public art that is not political but artistic in nature at their own cost. And so now the Circle in Yadavagiri, popularly know as 'Joy Ice-cream Circle' will have a statuary of '*Swami and Friends*', the characters from the first book with the same title of a Trilogy by author R.K. Narayan.

The sculpture of '*Swami and Friends*' has been approved for installation by the Government but it has had a long journey to get to this point.

It all started in 2017 when my friend **Tharun Giri,** the Managing Director of *Windflower Resorts* and I were driving past the Circle when he casually mentioned that he had offered the Mysuru City Corporation to develop the Circle like *Grand Mercure* has done for Highway Circle with the Elephant-head statue.

Tharun Giri's family, especially his father **P.V. Giri,** has a history of supporting art and artists, from conducting *KHOJ,* a one of a kind art festival in Mysuru to the recent *'cha Cha cha,'* an art workshop. So I was not surprised with his offer to the MCC.

As we started discussing ideas, we realised that the Circle was just a stone's throw away from R.K. Narayan's house and thought "why not a statuary of '*Swami and Friends*' looking towards R.K Narayan's house?" Immediately, Tharun called the internationally-acclaimed artist from Mysuru, **N.S. Harsha** to help with the project.

Harsha soon contacted sculptor **M.D. Raviraj** of Mysuru and in just under a month a studio was set up at *Windflower Resorts.* This, of course, they did after the Corporators assured them of an approval.

Three school boys were brought to the studio, dressed up as three characters from the book, measurements taken, moulds prepared and metallurgy decided. Meanwhile, the Circle was prepped to welcome the sculptures and in about 8 months, the three sculptures were ready for installation...but the approval still had not come as promised by the Corporators.

As time passed and with no sign of the approval, the sculptures were packed up and stowed away.

But why did a non-political art installation created by reputed artists costing the patron lakhs with a noble intention to give back to the city get delayed for so long? Well, it was a combination of many issues — Government's "ban on statue of individuals", the officials' inability to differentiate between fictional characters from a book and a "statue of an individual" and lack of sense of aesthetics among the members of civic body.

If not for two people, **ex-Corporator D. Nagabushan,** who convinced the members from all political parties to support that installation and **ex-Mayor Ayub Khan,** who forced the MCC Works Committee to approve this project, this installation would have been shelved.

Public art is very important in an urban space. More importantly it also helps in building the city's image and for a tourist city like Mysuru image is important. And for a city known for culture and Royal heritage interesting public art is a must.

To do this the decision-makers have to have the mindset for it. Here one must applaud the **Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Aparna Garg,** who was instrumental in the installation of the beautiful statuary that welcomes passengers to the Mysuru Railway Station. The statuary is titled *"Life is a journey."* Aparna Garg when asked about it simply said, "Mysuru Division saw re-development of Railway Station as an opportunity to showcase the talent of Mysuru which is so rich and vibrant in art and culture."

Now thanks to this installation when passengers get off at the Mysuru Train Station the first impression they would have is that they have indeed landed in a cultural city.

If Mysuru wants to continue to be a tourist destination it needs to encourage public art, but more importantly it must be professionally curated. Having city walls painted with anatomically obtuse animals and State tourist spots is not interesting public art. They are at best gaudy and at worse look like an act of vandalism.

Our city can look at the public art created by artists like **Shilo Shiv Suleman,** who brought life into the KR Flower Market in Bengaluru with her murals or **Harshvardhan Kadam** whose mural of children is a delight to see at the MG Road Metro Station.

As we go on with our daily life public art has the power to influence how we think and feel as citizens; it has the same effect on tourists. It is very common for most of us, especially our administrators and politicians to think of public art installations as mere aesthetic baubles or worse waste of money. But good public art created by reputed artists is an investment towards our city's image. And today a good image is everything in a hyper-competitive tourist market, where every city is vying for tourist dollars. If we are a royal heritage city, if we claim to be a cultural city, let it reflect in our public spaces.

For now, thanks to two politicians and a generous Mysurean, we are going to have '*Swami and Friends*' amongst us.

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Each for Equal

By Shadan Muneer

Despite progress over the past few decades, women still face significant, structural barriers to success. **"An equal world is an enabled world" — and every one of us can do our bit to bring about gender equality.** That's the core message of #EachForEqual, the campaign at the centre of this year's International Women's Day. It seeks to draw attention to the idea that gender inequality isn't a women's issue, but an economic one — as gender equality is essential for economies and communities to thrive. Business boardrooms, government departments and media coverage are just some of the key areas of focus highlighted by the campaign. And by celebrating women's achievement, raising awareness of bias and calling out inequality, the campaign says, we can all help to bring about change. For the International Women's Day 2020 tomorrow, this ***Weekend Star Supplement*** has selected six inspiring female leaders from Mysuru in the field of Politics, Police, Transport, Education and Business — path-breaking women who are driving change. *Flip this page.*

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March 8: International Women's Day

'Women are progressing rapidly and today they are on par with men'

Tasneem, Mayor of Mysuru

Tasneem is the youngest and first Muslim Mayor of Mysuru. This JD(S) Corporator was elected as the First Citizen of Mysuru in January 2020.

She entered politics in 2013 and has been a Corporator twice. A BA graduate from Maharani's College, Tasneem was born and brought up in Mysuru. This young mother of two intends to win back the 'Cleanest City' tag and ensure uninterrupted supply of water and electricity, streetlights and underground drainage system.

SOM: Your biggest motivation to reach this coveted position.

Tasneem: My uncle Naseeruddin Babu, a three-time Corporator has been my biggest motivation and the reason for me to enter politics. As the Ward was reserved for women I was given ticket by Congress replacing my uncle and I was again chosen as candidate in 2018 on JD(S) ticket. My journey has not been all that easy but if you have a goal and perseverance, it will definitely work.

SOM: What obstacles and roadblocks did you to face?

Tasneem: You will find roadblocks and obstacles in every field. Initially I had to get through a lot of hurdles and lack of support from officials. You need to be on your toes and work tirelessly. With time I learnt to how to get over obstacles. I also had language problem since I was Urdu medium student. I had to work on my Kannada by taking Kannada tuitions and reading Kannada newspapers.

SOM: What are the steps taken to get Mysuru back 'Cleanest City' tag?

Tasneem: Lots of steps have already been taken and all the 65 Corporators have worked really hard in Swachh Survekshan 2020. They have educated citizens about the red and green buckets and conducted awareness programmes.

SOM: Pourakarmikas still do not wear protection gear. Breakfast scheme is also withdrawn. Has any specific plans been drawn to improve their condition?

Tasneem: Keeping in mind the interest of Pourakarmikas we had to withdraw the breakfast scheme as I got a lot of complaints from them on food quality. We have approved breakfast allowance. With existing health check-ups, scholarships and minimum wages, we are trying to make their lives better and we will come up with actionable plans.

SOM: What are the measures taken up to make Mysuru city women-friendly and safe?

Tasneem: Through proper street lighting as a lot of working women get back home late. We are planning to have LED lights for which a proposal has been sent to the Government. We have also started the 'Nirbhaya Helpline' to help women in need. Once we get a call, we make sure to reach the distressed woman at the earliest. We work hand-in-hand with Police.

SOM: What do you think of the present status of women in politics?

Tasneem: The scenario has changed and women can get into any profession. Every individual is free to decide about their careers. At MCC, women Corporators are strong in number and out of the 65 Corporators we have 33 women. If you are self-motivated, energetic and have the support of family, you can get into any field. In my case I am blessed to have a supporting family.

SOM: Did you face any problems in this male-dominated society?

Tasneem: I don't think male-dominated society exists anymore if you look at the speed in which women are progressing in every field. You will realise that they are on par with men.

'Take it one day at a time; stay calm and composed'

K.S. Soundarya,
RTO Mysuru East

Soundarya took over as RTO Mysuru East in 2017 and is one among the few women RTOs. A native of Mandya and brought up in Bengaluru, her academic qualifications include B.E in automobile engineering and M.Tech in industrial engineering. She also holds an MS degree. Her mantra to success is taking each day at a time and to go with the flow. She believes that automation in transport sector will be a trend-setter.

SOM: How closely do you work with the traffic Police in managing traffic to ensure safety of vehicle users and pedestrians?

Soundarya: We work together and it's hand-in-hand job. With the manpower we have it's not all that tough now. Introduction of digital technology and with innovative gadgets, we can manage it in a better way. Educating people in having a sense of responsibility towards the society also helps.

SOM: What is the role of RTO in overall safety and crime prevention and detection?

Soundarya: When we get cases from crime and traffic Police we work closely to trace vehicle details. Providing them with registration numbers, chassis number and engine number helps the Police crack cases.

SOM: Have hefty fines helped in curbing traffic violations?

Soundarya: Yes, to a great extent. Fines act as a deterrent. But here I would also like to mention that Mysuru city traffic sense is far better compared to other cities.

SOM: Would you encourage women to take on two wheeler/ four wheeler driving for their own independence and livelihood?

Soundarya: Yes, previously owning your own vehicle was a luxury but now it has become a necessity. It is a convenient mode of transportation especially for women and a better option rather than being dependent. Nowadays we see a lot of women coming up for driving tests. It is a positive change. We also recommend them to use public transport at times to avoid pollution.

SOM: What are the steps taken by the RTO to make the processes simple and accessible to all by eliminating middlemen?

Soundarya: The government is trying hard to make sure that people do not get deceived by middlemen. Websites like 'Sarathi' and 'Vaahan' have been launched to make it easy for public to apply for driving licence from anywhere. Websites also helps with the queries and questions. In case a person is an illiterate and finds it hard to apply he can visit Mysuru One Centres where we have trained people to assist. The recently launched automated vehicle driving test track at RTO East has also eased the process.

SOM: What steps have been initiated to curb pollution and stop old vehicles from plying on the road?

Soundarya: Central Government takes care of vehicle age fixing and it is mandatory that every vehicle maker (two-wheeler and four-wheeler) to manufacture, sell and register only BS6 vehicles with BS6 fuel from April 2020.

SOM: What's your take on Women's Day and a piece of advice for women drivers and riders?

Soundarya: Women have come a long way and womanhood needs to be celebrated everyday and my advice to the women riders would be to follow traffic rules, carry required documents and be safe.

'Be fearless and face hurdles with confidence'

P.V. Sneha,
Addl. Superintendent of Police

P.V. Sneha has been working as Additional SP in Mysuru from the past one-and-a-half years. A native of Mandya, she is an alumna of University of Mysore and after completing her post-graduation in English, she cleared her KPSC exams and joined Karnataka State Police as a Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.SP).

She has earlier served as Dy.SP at Sakleshpur and Kollegal.

SOM: Take us through your journey and tell us about your biggest motivating factor.

Sneha: Teaching was my passion initially. As a teacher my work would have been restricted to only one class but I wanted to involve myself on a larger scale. TV characters portraying the roles of Police officers inspired me. As a Police officer I can reach out to larger number of people especially women and children, resolve their issues and bring positive changes.

SOM: Domestic violence is rampant but and go unreported. How to instil confidence in women to come out and report harassments both at work and domestic front?

Sneha: It should start from their own houses. Parents and teachers must play an important and responsible role. Unfortunately gender disparity still exists. Women must be educated about their rights against crime and harassment. They should be made aware about women helpline numbers where the Police force is there to help them 24/7.

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'Good business, dull business or no business. Never give up'

Nagamma,
oldest vendor in Regulated Market

Nagamma has been selling lentils in the Regulated Market Committee (RMC) Yard from the past 50 years. Staying happy and satisfied with whatever she earns keeps her going.

SOM: Since how long have you been here? Are you the only bread earner for your family?

Nagamma: I have been in this market from the past 50 years. My husband too earns and I got into this business to support my family financially as I have two daughters.

SOM: What challenges do you face in your day to day life?

Nagamma: We face multiple challenges and we have no other choice but to face them. From supply to demand from rising prices of daily commodities to falling prices of our produce. It is difficult to manage but we have to fight for our survival.

SOM: Are you satisfied with the way your business is running?

Nagamma: We are going through the hardest times of our lives. The number of people coming here have dropped drastically the main reason being supply of fruits and vegetables at supermarkets and malls.

SOM: Tips from you to overcome obstacles in life.

Nagamma: All days are not the same. Some are good and some are bad. We feel happy when we do good business and feel bad when the business is dull. As the mother of two girls I can't give up when the business is bad and I have to strive for them and for my livelihood and be satisfied with whatever I earn. Life moves on.

SOM: With no fixed income, how do you manage work and home?

Nagamma: God has made women very strong but she realises how strong she is when being strong is the only choice she has. Dull business or no business, God will take care of us

'Where there is a will there is a way'

Bharathi M. Ryshyanth,
wife of Mysuru SP C.B. Ryshyanth

Wife of an IPS officer and a daughter of a two-time MLA, this young mother of two is pursuing MBA and is a BBM graduate who has been drawn into social service since childhood. Brought up in Bengaluru, her love for children made her start a pre-school for kids.

SOM: Education has become a highly profitable source of income. Your fee structure is very nominal. How do you manage costs?

Bharathi: Where there is a will, there is a way and money is not the main criteria. I grew up seeing my father serving as a social worker and I too was drawn towards that. Education plays a very important role so I started the pre-school to give quality education. We also offer free education to a few needy. Our school was also awarded the 'Best Pre-school' in value for money category and we plan to expand in future.

SOM: Who has been your biggest motivator?

Bharathi: My husband and my father. My father has reached from nobody to somebody and today seeing him work hard for the society inspired me in many ways. After getting married to Ryshyanth and seeing his commitment towards work also inspired me to a great extent.

SOM: What are the challenges of transferable jobs and how do you manage work and home?

Bharathi: It is indeed a challenge with my husband's high-profile job and busy schedule. Majority of the responsibility of children rests on me but we make sure to spend quality time as a family during weekend. Regarding to my work, when you are self-motivated and passionate about work, everything falls into place.

SOM: Could you give some tips to manage relationship with children so that they don't feel neglected with both parents working?

Bharathi: It is very important to make sure that children don't feel neglected especially when they are growing up. Having frequent family get-togethers at least once a week helps and I try and play the role of a mother and wife to the best of my ability. Most of the times I have to play the role of a father and mother to my children and spend as much time with them so that they don't miss their father

SOM: Message to women struggling to create their own identity?

Bharathi: If you have clear thoughts as to what you really want, just go ahead and strive for it and give your best shot and wait for the outcome. Set goals and work towards it no matter how many hurdles you come across and never give up.

SOM: What are your other interests besides work?

Bharathi: I enjoy serving people, be it providing education to kids or visiting old age homes and ashrams. These voluntary services give me satisfaction — it feels nice to serve people who are lesser privileged than us in whatever little way possible.

'Women are God-gifted best multi-taskers'

Dr. P. Sarasvathy,
First woman librarian, University of Mysore

Dr. P. Sarasvathy is the first woman librarian of the century-old Mysore University. Born and brought up in Mysuru, her academic qualifications include B.Sc., Master of Library Science and M.Phil. She has a doctoral degree too. She has been associated with library and information science from the past 20 years. She has been a guide to 10 research scholars and also associated with 68 national and international journal papers publication and 35 paper presentations in national and international conferences and seminars.

SOM: How do you inculcate the habit of reading among youth?

Dr. Sarasvathy: We organise programmes on developing reading habits and improving reading skills. We visit schools and colleges and conduct practical exercises and hour-based sessions. If reading habits decline, automatically writing skills will also go down.

SOM: With electronic devices getting popular, do you think reading habits are going down?

Dr. Sarasvathy: Students come to the library not only to read and gain knowledge but to survive in the competitive world. Electronic resource can never substitute print resource. It will only be a parallel supplement. Even today our library is packed.

SOM: Mysore University is the first to start a library for visually impaired in Karnataka.

Dr. Sarasvathy: It was established in 2012 with well-equipped technologies that includes Topaz magnifier monitor which can read books. We have user-friendly text readers, touch and feel embossed papers, recorded lessons in CDs, Braille books and talking software, Braille printer that can convert normal text to Braille language and other assistive technologies.

SOM: Any steps taken to modernise library?

Dr. Sarasvathy: We have purchased around 28,000 e-books and we keep updating them. UGC provides journals and we have also subscribed for e-journals which help students, research scholars and faculty.

SOM: What do you have to say about the present education system for girls in India?

Dr. Sarasvathy: Education plays an important role in the upliftment of any society. There is a need to improve education system for rural girls. Though the government has come up with new projects and programmes for educating girls in rural areas, it has to be enhanced with proper amenities and security.

SOM: Your take on Women empowerment?

Dr. Sarasvathy: Women are biologically and naturally empowered but needs to be encouraged. Women empowerment has to be considered as a significant issue and the government needs to introduce more projects and programmes for their upliftment and provide security so that they go out and achieve their goals fearlessly.

SOM: Your views on International Women's Day?

Dr. Sarasvathy: Woman is God gifted beings and have been given meticulous power to balance family and profession with perfection. They are the best multi-taskers. Every woman should be treated as a hero and deserves to be applauded and appreciated.

Mysuru to get COVID-19 Lab

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In the wake of the general fear among the people, the Government has issued circulars to not to use biometric devices for login process at offices and other places, Sudhakar said.

On the high demand for masks in the wake of virus spread, the Minister said that only N-95 mask can prevent virus spread. **"Many medical shops are cashing-in on the scare by selling all kinds of masks at exorbitant prices much beyond the MRP. Only N-95 masks can prevent virus spread. Other people who have cough and cold can use a normal surgical mask to prevent the spread of any virus," Dr. Sudhakar, who himself is a medical doctor, said.**

At Jayadeva Hospital, the Minister was impressed by the architecture and facilities and said that the Hospital was no less than a corporate hospital. He said that he was happy to note that the Hospital is functioning under the guidance of Director Dr. C.N. Manjunath.

Dr. Manjunath told the Minister, who visited all sections of the Hospital including the food court, that the Hospital has begun functioning in full-fledged manner. Jayadeva's OPD is handling about 600 patients per day, he said adding that angiogram and angioplasty procedures were performed on 25 to 30 patients every day.

Dr. Manjunath, showing the hi-tech heart screening facilities to the Minister, said that hundreds of open heart surgeries have been conducted so far.

After his visit to Jayadeva, the Minister began his visit to State-run Cheluvamba Hospital where many patients mobbed Dr. Sudhakar complaining about absolute lack of facilities at the Hospital that was set up by the Wadiyars.

The Minister, appalled by the condition of the State-run Hospital, was hearing to the patients' woes when we went to press.

He was scheduled to visit K.R. Hospital, Mysore Medical College and JSS Medical College and Hospital. The Minister will also visit Suttur Mutt and later head to BJP Office in city.

Modi moved by Jan Aushadhi beneficiary

New Delhi, Mar. 7- The Centre celebrates Mar. 7 as 'Jan Aushadhi Diwas,' a campaign launched by the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana Kendra, Department of Pharmaceuticals to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the masses through 'Jan Aushadhi Kendras.' These Kendras provide generic drugs at lesser prices but equivalent in quality and efficacy as expensive branded drugs.

To mark the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with several beneficiaries in various cities through a video conference.

Deepa Shah, one of the beneficiaries, hailing from Dehradhun, while narrating her story via the video conference, broke down and said it is due to Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadi Pariyojana, that she is getting medicines worth Rs. 5,000 for just Rs. 1,500. She thanked PM Modi for introducing Jan Aushadhi Kendras. After listening to her, PM Modi too got emotional and broke down.

While addressing the public, PM said, "every month, over one crore families are buying medicines from Jan Aushadhi stores. He also said that over 6,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country have helped people save between Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 2,500 crore.

In Mysuru

Jan Aushadhi Diwas was also celebrated in Mysuru in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at Mysore Palace today. A large screen was set up in front of the Palace for people to interact with Modi through the video conference.

MP Pratap Simha, who spoke on the occasion, said, 'It was MLA S.A. Ramdas who took up the initiative to set up Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Mysuru city, my congratulations to him." The MP further said that the city, at present has 48 Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

District BJP President S.D. Mahendra, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, Drug Controller Dr. Nagaraj, Drug Inspector Ashalatha and others were present.

Be fearless: Addl. SP Sneha

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SOM: How important is it for women to learn self-defence techniques?

Sneha: More than self-defence, the most important aspect is to instil confidence amongst women and if you are confident you will be ready to tackle any situation. Yes, self-defence techniques are very handy in case of any emergencies.

SOM: Can you provide an insight on the measures initiated by the district Police for the safety of women?

Sneha: We have separate patrolling squad especially for eve-teasing. We also have 'Chamundi Pade' — an exclusive Police wing comprising PSIs, lady constables in every Taluk who take up cases related to women. They visit schools and colleges and give instructions depending on the crime and also discuss about women empowerment and safety steps that have to be taken outside and inside homes.

SOM: How beneficial are women helpline numbers and how does the department deal with complaints?

Sneha: Once we get a call, we send help right away and to make it more accurate, incoming calls and the response time is recorded. Whether it is within the city or anywhere in the district, the response time has to be filed. In villages we have beat constables who are easily reachable and their phone numbers are in public domain

SOM: How do you feel to be one among the few lady cops in the force?

Sneha: It is a proud feeling and I have the opportunity to look into crime against women and children. I am always motivated to ensure that justice is delivered and I also see to that my fellow colleagues also understand their roles and responsibilities. Women in Police should be looked as a greater part of social change.

SOM: Do you feel any gender disparity or have you faced any obstacles being a woman in the Police department?

Sneha: No I don't find any gender discrimination and fortunately I haven't experienced disparity at any level. I do the same amount of work as men do. We undergo same training as men. People are more accepting now and women have ventured into every field which is a very progressive sign.

SOM: What message would you give to the women of today?

Sneha: Face obstacles and hurdles with confidence. Do not fear anything, be strong and follow your dreams and everything will fall into place.

ZP special meeting postponed

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (MTY&SD)- A special meeting of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) in connection with the election of members to various Standing Committees, which was held this morning has been postponed due to lack of quorum. The meeting will now be held on Mar. 21. As soon as the meeting began at 11 am, ZP President Parimala Shyam, who chaired the meeting, had to postpone the proceedings as only 33 members (37 was needed) of the 49 members attended the meeting.

Realtor's murder brings service apartments under radar

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Such apartments are becoming the best option in cities with flourishing corporate culture. For homely atmosphere, people are opting for service apartments than a five-star hotel. Families too come and stay in these apartments during vacations. Students from abroad, who come on assignments to Mysuru and foreigners who come to learn Yoga also prefer to rent service apartments.

Daily basis rent

The rent for service apartments is on daily basis and the rent for 1BHK is around Rs. 1,400 to Rs. 2,000 per day and for 2BHK it is Rs. 2,500 to Rs. 3,000 per day. However, rent for these apartments differs and depends on the location. In Mysuru, service apartments are found in Kuvempunagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Dattagalli, Sharadadevinagar, Gokulam, Vivekanandanagar, Vijayanagar and Hebbal and there are many apartments dotting the Chamundi Hill Road.

If a person who wants to book a room in a hotel has to produce identity cards and Aadhaar Cards mandatorily, no such thing is required in service apartment.

Preferring privacy

While there is no law that prohibits consenting adults from booking a hotel room, many hotels, with the exception of high-end four-and-five-star establishments, are wary of providing rooms to adults who aren't married. Many establishments insist on seeing either a marriage certificate or identity proof before checking couples in. Moreover, cases of Police intervention make things worse for people who are just seeking some privacy away from prying eyes.

While hotels and paying guest facilities have to submit details of the people staying or have stayed in their rooms, no such requirement is demanded from service apartments and as such, some service apartments have become a safe haven for people who indulge in gambling, prostitution and other illegal activities, Police say.

Not under commercial tax net

Almost all service apartments offer kitchenette and mini fridge in all rooms, air-conditioned rooms, food facility with home-cooked dishes, 24-hr check-in and check-out, internet and telephone facilities. They are fully serviced with house-keeping, food and beverages and laundry services.

The Karnataka Municipal Act 1974 does not bring service apartments under tax net as it is a new concept. Owners find it beneficial to rent out an apartment as a service apartment, rather than as a house. As of now, service apartments pay tax just like any other residential units. Once they are considered commercial centres like hotels and lodges, they must obtain trade licence from MCC, operate as per commercial norms and pay property tax as per commercial tariff, said an officer in MCC.

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Plea to expedite works on Ashoka Road

Though months have passed since the works on the stretch of Ashoka Road was taken up, they are yet to be completed. Shopkeepers and residents said that they have already faced enough problems due to the works being undertaken at snail's pace. Some shopkeepers even allege that their business has come down due to these works. Incomplete footpaths and half laid inter-locking tiles greet pedestrians on this road. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to complete the works at the earliest.

Incomplete drain works causing problems at Bada Makan Layout

Incomplete drain works coupled with problems in the existing drains are causing a lot of problems to the residents of Bada Makan Layout near Tipu Circle in city. The existing drains are clogged and sewage water is entering houses and also flowing on the roads, causing a lot of inconvenience. Residents fear health complications from these clogged drains. Concerned authorities are urged to complete the drain works at the earliest.

DC allays fears over COVID-19 in Mysuru District

Mysuru, Mar. 7- Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G.Sankar said that there was no cause of worry over COVID-19 in the district and no cases of people testing positive have been reported so far in the district.

Speaking to presspersons at his office here yesterday, Sankar allaying fears over COVID-19,said there was no reason to panic over the spread of the deadly virus.Pointing out that as per the guidelines announced by the Health Ministry, a mechanism is in place to screen and isolate individuals showing symptoms, he said that all precautionary measures were in place.

Stating that an awareness drive has been launched on COVID-19,he said people who have travelled abroad in recent weeks and returned have been screened, while individuals with symptoms such as headache, fever and infections in eye,mouth or nose were advised to get themselves medically examined. Noting that an isolation ward has been created at K.R.Hospital and Epidemic Diseases Hospital on KRS road,the DC said the people have been advised against wearing face masks unnecessarily. He also scotched rumours about non-availability of face-masks in the city in the backdrop of COVID-19 fears.

Continuing, he said the Health Department is distributing Information leaflets and Brochures containing certain guidelines to the public and the guidelines are also being prominently displayed in public places and pblic joints, including the city bus-stand and Railway station.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Venkatesh said that all precautionary measures were in place and teams have been constituted for screening and monitoring people with symptoms such as headache, fever and infections.He further said that international tourists and delegates were being casually questioned about their place of origin.

Explaining the precautionary measures to be taken, he said simple measures such as maintaining good hygiene, washing hands with Sanitizer or soap, avoiding crowded places, maintaining a safe distance from people suffering from cough and cold etc., would go a long way in minimising the chance of getting infected.

RCH Officer Dr. Ravi,DTO Officer Dr.P.Ravi,DDPI Dr. Panduranga and other officials were present.

City sees huge surge in demand for face-masks and sanitizers

Mysuru, Mar. 7- Even as the District administration has allayed fears over COVID-19, the city is witnessing an unprecedented surge in the demand for face-masks and hand sanitizers in the past couple of weeks.

Scared of the deadly virus, people are thronging medical shops and hospitals to buy face-masks like never before. With many people choosing to buy 50 to 100 face-masks at a time, most medical shops in the city have run out of stocks.

Pharma shop owners in the city are looking at Agra and Coimbatore for supply of face-masks. The N-95 variety of face-mask is particularly in high demand. The mask that cost just Rs.10, is now selling at a whopping Rs. 120. The price may even touch Rs. 200, if the demand grows further, according to sources.

Amidst COVID-19 fears, a senior medical officer said that no case has been reported from anywhere in the district so far and as such the people must not be unnecessarily worried.

Asking people to consult a doctor for symptoms such as cough, severe running nose, trouble breathing, fever etc., the medical officer further said that it was important for the people to come out of the corona phobia and practice certain simple hygiene measures like washing hands with soaps or hand sanitizers frequently before and after meals, after using toilets, etc.

Meanwhile, city's well-known Pharmacist N. Raghavan, Proprietor of Raghulal & Co., on Sayyaji Rao Road, said that the people must not be unduly worried over Coronavirus. Pointing out that people are getting scared over even common ailments, he said that it was important for the elderly and those suffering from health disorders to consult doctors immediately and get medical treatment for their ailments.

Raghavan

Raghavan further said that face-masks can be used as a safety measure and there was no reason to panic as no case of COVID-19 has been reported so far in the city or the district.

Immunisation Task Force meets

Mysuru, Mar. 7- Even as the fourth round of *'Indradhanush-2.0- Immunisation drive'* is underway, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar chaired a meeting of the Immunisation Task Force and the District Health Mission at his Office here yesterday.

Addressing the meeting, Reproductive & Child Health (RCH) Officer Dr. L. Ravi said that *Mission Indradhanush-2.0* is being carried out in four rounds, with the first three rounds done in December, January and February. In the first round, the district recorded 101 percent target in respect of children and 100 percent in respect of pregnant women, while the second round saw 101.01 percent target in case of children and 103.20 percent in respect of pregnant women. The third round saw 100.87 percent target in case of children and 101 percent in respect of pregnant women.

The fourth round of the Immunisation drive is underway, with 68.63 percent of the targeted children and 74 percent of pregnant women covered so far, he said.

Dr. L. Ravi further said that School children aged between 5 and 16 years have been vaccinated for DPT and TD vaccinations, under the 'School Vaccination drive.'

DTO Officer Dr. P. Ravi said that an action plan has been prepared to make Mysuru city Tuberculosis free and sought the cooperation of the public in making it a total success.

DHO Dr. Venkatesh, DDPI Dr. Panduranga and other officials were present.

Beauty pageant and award ceremony to mark Women's Day

Mysuru, Mar. 7- To encourage and commemorate women achievers for their prodigious accomplishments, Beyond Taalas, a city-based dance studio, along with MID Studios, Mysuru and Forum Centre City, has organised Women's Day celebrations and award ceremony at Forum Centre City here tomorrow (Mar.8) from 5.30 pm onwards.

Achievers in various fields will be honoured for their feats at the event. Also, a special beauty pageant has been organised on the occasion. Actress Shwetha Srivastava will be the face of the event.

The awardees are Dr. Aisha M. Sheriff (Education), Dr. Sunitha Chandrakumar (Singer and Music Director), Nandini Murthy (Wellness and Nutrition), Dr. Sheela Sridhar (Classical Dancer), Saroja Hegde (Theatre Artiste), Prof. Umadevi (Literature), Shashikala Ashok (Culture and Tourism), Priyadarshini (Assistant Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation), Pooja Ravindra (Social Entrepreneur) and Masuma Vagh (Social Service and Motivational Speaker).

For details about the event, contact Pooja Joshi (98862-41091) or Sridevi Kulenur (96868-62225), according to a press release.

Racefor7 to raise awareness on Rare Diseases

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (PM)- The Organisation for Rare Diseases India (ORDI), a not for profit organisation committed to address the challenges of rare disease patients and their families, in association with JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research and JSS Hospital, Mysuru, has organised the second edition of *Racefor7* at Mysuru, a multi-city Run or Walk to raise awareness for rare disease patients in India, tomorrow (Mar.8).

Announcing this at a press meet yesterday, JSS Hospital Genetic Counsellor Dr. Deepa Bhat said that the event will be flagged off tomorrow, from Balarama Gate at Mysore Palace at 6.30 am.

Racefor7, symbolically representing 7,000 rare diseases and the average of 7 years it takes to diagnose a rare disease, is a one-of-a-kind event for rare diseases in the world with 7,000 people running or walking 7 kilometres. This year's rare disease theme is 'Reframe Rare for Rare Disease Day' with the message that 'Rare is many, rare is strong and rare is proud!' The campaign message retraces perceptions of what it means to be 'rare' so that no one is left behind in achieving greater equity.

For registration, contact Mob: 99807-44332.

Inauguration of 'Women Can Foundation'

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (PM)- A programme has been organised to celebrate International Women's Day and inaugurate 'Women Can Foundation' by Educare ITES Institution at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city tomorrow (Mar. 8) at 10.30 am.

Announcing this at a press meet yesterday, Educare ITES Institution Managing Director Rachana Mahesh said that Mayor Tasneem will inaugurate the programme in which Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti and DCP (Crime and Traffic) B.T. Kavitha will be the chief guests.

'The Women Can Foundation will be holding various programmes and projects with regard to women empowerment', said Rachana.

Shobha Ramesh, Latha and Lakshmi of Educare ITES were present during the press meet.

Police have failed to unearth plot behind brutal assault on me: MLA Tanveer Sait

Tanveer Sait

Mysuru,Mar.7- Nearly four months after the brutal assault on him by a youth at a wedding reception in Bannimantap in November last, Narasimharaja (NR) Congress MLA Tanveer Sait has written to Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, accusing the Police of failing to unearth the plot and the larger conspiracy behind the attack on him.

In the letter, Sait said that a Special Investigating Team headed by the then DCP who carried out the probe, has merely said that the attacker and his associates have been arrested and sent to jail. But the Investigating Officer has failed to unearth the larger conspiracy and disclose the actual persons and organisations behind the assault on him.

As such, the Home Minister should take note of the seriousness of the case and disclose the real motive and the conspirators behind the attack and thus render justice to him in the true sense, Sait said in his letter.

Power disruption on Mar. 9

Mysuru, Mar. 7- Owing to emergency maintenance works at the 66/11 KV Nanjangud Power Distribution Centre, water irrigation pump sets will have power supply in the morning of Mar. 8 and by night on Mar. 9. Power supply will be completely disrupted on Mar. 9 between 8 am and 10 am in the following areas — Nanjangud Town, Kallalli Industrial area, Nestley Nanjangud, AT&S, Max Pharma, Devirammanahalli, Deburu, Devarasanahalli, Maraluru villages and Gram Panchayat areas, according to a press release from CESC.

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New Delhi's Vani Kapoor wins

Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour Leg-5

Mysuru's Pranavi Urs finishes runner-up

Vani Kapoor

Mysuru's professional golfer Pranavi S. Urs, who finished runner-up in the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour Leg-5 held at Jaypee Greens Resort Golf Course in Greater Noida, is seen receiving the prize from one of the guests during the presentation ceremony.

Greater Noida, Mar. 7- Former Champion Vani Kapoor from New Delhi continued her good form from the second day and with a three-day aggregate score of one-over-217 (72+70+75), clinched the title on the third and concluding day of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour's Leg-5 played at the Jaypee Greens Golf Resort in Greater Noida yesterday.

Mysuru's professional golfer Pranavi S. Urs (JWGC), came up with a good third round to bounce back into contention and with a three-day aggregate score of 3-over-219 (71+75+73) and secured the runner-up spot.

Amandeep Drall with a three-day aggregate card of 5-over 221 (69+73+79) finished third. Gaurika Bishnoi with a three-day score of 6-over-222 (73+71+78) secured the fourth place. Saaniya Sharma with a three-day aggregate score of 8-over-224 (75+77+72) secured the fifth place.

Amandeep Drall remained on top of the Hero Honda Merit 2020 list with 1 win in 4 tournament's played with a total year's earning of Rs.4,21,400 while Vani Kapoor is in the second place (4 played and 1 win, Rs.3,94,000 total earnings). Mysuru's Pranavi Urs is place fifth with 1 win in 3 tournaments played and with a total earning of Rs.3,01,700. Another Mysurean Sonam Chugh is placed 11th in the order of merit after five legs.

KSCA Group II, 2nd Division League

Triton SC beat BWSSB

Bengaluru, Mar. 7- A all-round performance by T.P. Sharbin (52 & 5/16) enabled Triton SC, Mysuru, to register a well-earned 72-run win over BWSSB Employees Association, Bengaluru, in the KSCA Group II, 2nd Division League match played here recently.

Batting first, Triton SC, Mysuru, scored 199/4 in 20 overs. P.T. Sharbin (52), Yogesh (56) and S.J. Nikin Jose (50 n.o.) were the main contributors. In reply, BWSSB Employees Association, Bengaluru, were bowled out for 127 in 15.4 overs. A. Pratim top scored with 66. P.T. Sharbin (5/16) impressed for Triton SC.

SCORES

Triton SC, Mysuru: 199/4 in 20 overs (P.T. Sharbin 52, Yogesh 56, S.J. Nikin Jose 50 n.o., Amruth 26, Mani 3/33) bt **BWSSB Employees Association:** 127 in 15.4 overs (A. Pratim 66, P.T. Sharbin 5/16, Madhava 2/25).

Advocates Association, Bengaluru: 134/7 in 20 overs (Afzal 29, Uttam 2/21, Illyas 2/18) lost to **South Western Railways, Mysuru:** 135/5 in 18.4 overs (Madan Mohan 37, Ankith 27 n.o, Abhishek 2/25).

MDFA 'C' Division Football League 2019-20

Big win for Lucky Star FC

Mysuru, Mar. 7- A brace each by left-out Md. Saif (13, 56) and centre-half Kafeel (50, 54), combined with a goal each by Ibrahim (25) and Sehlar (59), enabled Lucky Star FC, Bannur, to register a big 6-1 win over Easter FC in the MDFA 'C' Division Football League 2019-20 for the Chirag Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

RESULT — Lucky Star FC, Bannur: 6 (Md. Saif 13, 56, Kafeel 50, 54, Ibrahim 25, Sehlar 59) bt **Easter FC:** 1 (Ajay 10).

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Women's World T20 World Cup

India to take on Australia in finals tomorrow

Melbourne, Mar. 7- After 22 matches in 13 days, we are now left with just two sides who are vying for the title of Women's World T20 World Cup champions.

Current holders Australia will face India in the T20 World Cup Final at Melbourne tomorrow at 12.30 pm (IST).

In the midweek semi-finals that were ruined by rain, the eagerly awaited match between India and England was ruined by the weather, without a single ball bowled. Due to the farcical situation from the ICC of having no reserve day, it meant that India qualified for the final by virtue of being Group winners.

The other semi-final between South Africa and Australia at least did have some play, with Australia making 134 for 5 in their allocated 20 overs. Meg Lanning top scoring for the holders with 49. Due to rain, South Africa's target was reduced to 98 in 13 overs. South Africa fell five runs short of their target, eventually finishing up on 92 for 5.

So, we are now left with just two sides who will be competing on Sunday for a chance of World glory.

Mithali Raj bats in a saree

Shares message with Team India ahead of Intl. Women's Day

New Delhi, Mar. 7- Mithali Raj, who had led the Indian team to the final of the 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup, shared a video on *Instagram* on Thursday showing her batting in a saree. The video, showing her playing her strokes dressed in traditional Indian attire, has gone viral since then.

The video had a message from Mithali for the Team Indian which will play the T20 World Cup final against Australia on Sunday. "Let's show the world that we can do it too. Come on, Team India, let's bring the trophy home," she said.

Harmanpreet Kaur is aiming to lead India to a maiden Women's World Cup crown on Sunday.

Having been posted ahead of Women's Day, the video also celebrates Mithali having lived life on her own terms. "Be a lady, they said," reads a caption on the video as Mithali bats in a saree.

The text further says, "Every saree talks more than you and I know! It never tells you to fit in, it makes you stand out. This Women's day, #StartSomethingPriceless and show the world that we can do it too. It's time you start living life #OnYourTerms."

Mithali Raj is the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket and is the only woman to have had an international career lasting more than 20 years. She retired from the T20 format in 2019 to focus on ODIs.

Hoteliers sore over shifting of Film City to Bengaluru

Mysuru needs to look beyond Zoo, KRS, Palace to retain tourists, says Hotel Owners Association

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (MTY&BCT)- Hoteliers of Mysuru have expressed their displeasure over the raw deal given to the city by the BJP Government — which is in power both at the Centre and State — in the State Budget. They are miffed with the fact that the ambitious and the much-touted Film City project has been taken off from Mysuru and has been granted to Bengaluru.

At a meeting of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association held yesterday at the Association office in Krishnamurthypuram, Association President C. Narayanagowda said that the previous Congress Government headed by Siddharamaiah had earmarked hundred acres of land for the Film City Project at Immavu village coming under Varuna Assembly constituency, which was welcomed whole-heartedly by the people of Mysuru.

But the Budget presented recently by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has granted the tourist-centric project to Bengaluru. "This is unfortunate and Mysuru's loss has become Bengaluru's gain," he lamented.

"The State Government has ignored the City and Mysuru has got a raw deal. It was expected of the State Government to announce Film City to Mysuru which is a long-pending demand. Also, Mysuru is one of the most important tourist destinations in South India and is the ideal place for setting up the Film City. But Chief Minister Yediyurappa barely mentioned about it and granted the project to Bengaluru. Not just this. Even the Mysore Airport runway expansion was not even mentioned in the Budget while Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha had promised about the runway expansion. It is unfortunate that political representatives from this region are quiet about it. They do not seem to care about the city's prospects," he regretted and was supported by the Association members.

The Association urged the Government to keep the Film City project in the district considering Mysuru's potential as a popular destination and its many other strengths. "The Government must make up its mind and not create confusion by shifting the project to Bengaluru. The land has been kept ready in Mysuru and the Budget allocation has been made by the previous Siddharamaiah Government. At this stage, no attempt should be made to relocate the project," the Association members said.

Narayanagowda and hotelier Prakash mentioned that old tourism models like Mysuru Zoo, Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and other tourist places are not compelling enough for youngsters and tourists to visit and stay. "These tourist places are enough for a day's visit. We need more attractive places for the tourists to stay in Mysuru for at least a week or two. At present, Mysuru is used as a transit point for a day's stay before tourists proceed to hill stations like Ooty, Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru," they said.

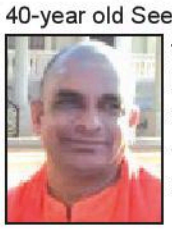
"We need to look beyond Mysuru Palace (Amba Vilas), Zoo or Jaganmohan Palace to boost its tourism prospects. At least 65 percent of the people in the district are dependent on tourism. Now they are disappointed. The State Government has set aside Rs. 500 crore for tourism. This is our only hope and a saving grace," they said.

"Shifting of Film City to Bengaluru has become a worry for the industry which was hoping to cash-in on the facility for tourism promotion. The Government must start work on the project at the earliest in Mysuru itself," the Association demanded.

Association members N.S. Gopalakrishna, Bhaskar Shetty, Murali, Rajeev, Harsha, Krishna Tanthri, Maridevaru, Girish, Ravi Shastry, Subramanya Tanthri, Suresh Ugraiah, Prakash Shetty, Mahesh Kamath, Anand Shetty, P.N. Kunder, Ashish Gupta, Sanjay, Mahadevu, Ratheesh and H.P. Chandrashekhar attended the meeting.

Mutt Seer found hanging

T. Narasipur, Mar.7 (Kumar)- A 40-year old Seer of a Mutt in the taluk was found hanging under mysterious circumstances this morning.



Sri Mahadeva Swamiji (40) of Pattada Mutt at Benakanahalli in the taluk was found hanging in the Mutt premises at 7 am today.

The Seer is said to have performed the daily rituals at 5.30 am, before taking this extreme step, it is learnt.

Soon as the news of Mahadeva Swamiji's death spread, people from the taluk are visiting the Mutt to have a last glimpse of the departed Seer. T. Narsipur Police visited the spot.

Obituary

Sarojamma

Mysuru, Mar.7- Sarojamma (73), a resident of Railway Layout in Vijayanagar Second Stage, passed away here yesterday. She leaves behind her husband D. Srinivas, a son, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam yesterday afternoon, according to family sources.

Condoled

Mysuru, Mar.7- JSS PU College for Women, Saraswathipuram, has condoled the death of Prof. B.S. Revannaswamy, Economics faculty, who passed away recently.

In a condolence meeting, speakers recalled the services of Prof. Revannaswamy as faculty of JSS Women's College in city and at JSS Colleges in Kollegal, Nanjangud and Gundlupet.

The meeting observed a two-minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

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[DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT]

Extension of last date for invitation of application for the National Awards for Outstanding Services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse, 2020

Applications had been invited by this Ministry for the National Awards for Outstanding Services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse, 2020 to be given on 26th June, 2020. **The last date of receiving the applications was 31st January, 2020. It has now been extended upto15th March, 2020.**

The Applications duly recommended and completed in all respects must reach to the Joint Secretary (SD), Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Room No. 611-A, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001, latest by 15th March, 2020.

Application received after the last date and/or not recommended by the prescribed authority/persons will not be entertained. For details, kindly see our website **www.socialjustice.nic.in**

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One killed as miscreants attack two youths who were consuming liquor

Nanjangud, Mar.7 (RS&DM)- Consuming liquor along roadside at a secluded spot proved fatal for a youth, who was killed when two unidentified miscreants reportedly attacked him with lethal weapons near Kalkunda village in the taluk late on Thursday night.

Manoj

The murdered youth has been identified as Manoj (20) of Tagadur in the taluk. The miscreants, after killing him, threw his body into a nearby canal, it is learnt.

Manoj, along with his friend Vijaykumar, 20, after buying liquor from a shop at Sonahalli, was having drinks along the road near Kalkunda late on Thursday night.

As they were partying, two unidentified youths are said to have arrived at the spot and began conversing with them. After sharing their mobile phone numbers, the two unidentified youths suddenly picked up a quarrel over some issue, following which the youths attacked Manoj and Vijaykumar with lethal weapons.

While Vijaykumar, who also reportedly sustained injuries in the assault managed to flee, Manoj was brutally hacked to death.

Vijaykumar, after somehow reaching Kalkunda, informed the villagers about the incident, following which a search was launched for the missing Manoj throughout the night, which proved futile.

However, Manoj's body was found floating in Kabini Right Bank canal near Kalkunda on Friday morning.

Nanjangud Dy.SP Prabhakarrao Shinde visited the spot.

The jurisdictional Biligere Police have registered a case in this regard.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Mar.7 (KS)- Narasimharaja Police, on Feb. 23, have found a body of an unidentified man on the footpath, next to the LIC building and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased, who is said to be a beggar, is 6 ft. tall, aged around 45 years, wheatish complexioned, oval faced, normal built and was wearing a white shirt and grey pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact NR Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418312 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to P. Umesh, ASI, NR Police Station, Mysuru.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Rectitudinous

Pronunciation: rek-tuh-TOO-duh-nus
Meaning: Characterized by the quality of being honest and morally correct; piously self-righteous.
Origin: Rectitudinous comes to us straight from Late Latin rectitudin-, rectitudo (English added the -ous ending), which itself ultimately derives from the Latin word rectus, meaning both "straight" and "right." (Other rectus descendants in English include rectitude, of course, and rectilinear, rectangle, and rectify.) In one of its earliest known print appearances, in the year 1897, it was used in the phrase "notoriously and unctuously rectitudinous." Although rectitude often expresses an admirable moral integrity, rectitudinous has always had a less flattering side. It can suggest not only moral uprightness but also a displeasing holier-than-thou attitude.
Example: The Mayoral candidate's supporters insist that he is possessed of a rectitudinous character and a spotless record.

THE ODD WORD

Ragmatical

Wild, ill-behaved.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Red Tape

Meaning: Rigid or mechanical adherence to bureaucratic rules and regulations especially those involving unnecessary paperwork.
Origin: Legal and official documents have been bound with red tape since the 17th century and continue to be so. We now usually mean fussy or unnecessary bureaucracy when we refer to 'red tape'. This is part-way towards a metaphorical usage of the term, albeit still clearly referring to actual lawyer's red-tape.
Example: The little money that was available was tied up in bureaucratic red tape.

QUOTE BOX

Rain drops never fell at the same time. Be patient and wait your turn.

—Sipho P. Nkosi

RIDDLE THIS

I am in a river, but not in a lake, I am in computer, but not in a TV, and I am in rain, but not in snow.

Answer: The letter 'R'.

SUDOKU

		7		1		5		
9								6
		1	2		3	8		
	5	8				1	6	
2								7
	7	6				2	9	
		3	7		5	9		
7								5
		4		3		7		

Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Assoc. in Pub. Admin.
4 Order of St. Augustine
7 Rows or lines especially for spectators in a stadium
9 Extreme edge
12 Declare or say; claim
13 Communion table
14 A ship's kitchen
15 Begin again
17 Before, poetically speaking
18 Kills or slaughters
20 The sesame plant
21 Cigarette end
22 Armoured vehicle
23 Used to full advantage (7,4)
27 A large continent
28 Lacerate or pull apart
29 Sign of the Zodiac
30 City in German - "sense" anagram?
32 ___ assorted pair : not a matched or suitable pair?
35 Famous Lloyd's bell
37 Fruit basket
39 Thick; crass or stupid
40 Acted poorly
41 Stench or smell
42 Fits of anger
43 Video game mfr.
44 And not either ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	O	R		C	P	A	S			A	S	H
A	S	O		A	R	I	E	L		L	O	O
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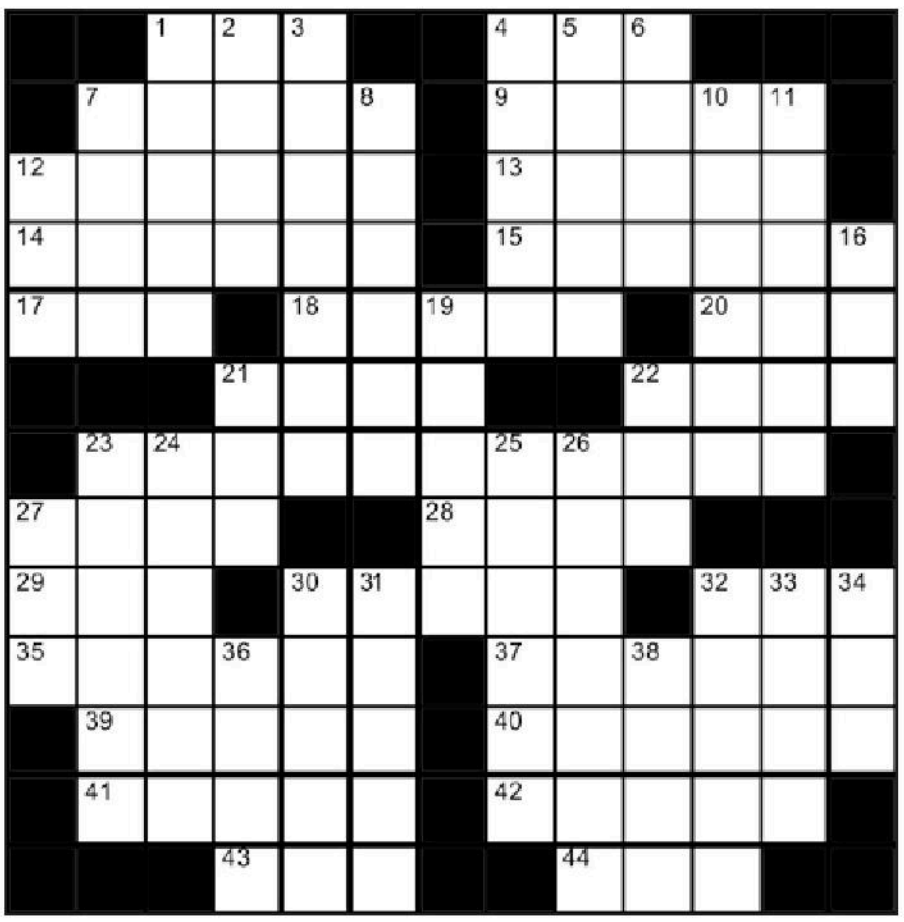
I	L	S			S	W	A	M		M	S	S

Down

1 Passageway between pews
2 Remove the outer covering or skin of a fruit
3 Apprehends or captures
4 Female organ of reproduction
5 Monica of tennis
6 Skilled professions
7 Old Russian ruler
8 Instrument for writing on wax
10 Opening batsman Gambhir
11 Animal of weasel tribe
12 A long period of time
16 Largest existing animal of deer kind
19 Helps a felon
21 Mass of salt water
22 Peak, craggy mountain top
23 False, prefix
24 Revolted
25 Not as shallow
26 He was a great devotee of Lord Rama
27 Entirely
30 Come next
31 Oracles or persons who can read the augur
32 Bury or entomb
33 Dregs?
34 Limited in short?
36 Let __ __ : tell? (2,2)
38 Slang usage meaning, "nothing doing"? (2,2)



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KU KC L CLN URKGH QRWG EWG RLBW GWKURWO URW QKU UY

CTWLX QWMM GYO URW VJNHEWGU UY RYMN URWKO UYGHJWC.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Bureaucracy defends the status quo long past the time when the quo has lost its status.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Love Mocktail	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Drona	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Shiva	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
My Name is Raja	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Shivaji Surathkal	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Popcorn Monkey Tiger	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
O Pushpa I Hate Tears	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Baaghi - 3	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Bheeshma	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Gypsy	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

Anukunnadi Okati Ayinadi Okati (Te)	(S-1)	10.40 am
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
Kannum Kannum Kollaiyadithaal (Ta)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	(S-1)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Maduve Madri Sari Hogthane (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Gypsy (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Ondu Shikariya Kathe (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Thappad (H)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
College Kumar (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Drona (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 4.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Onward (E-3D)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 7.20 pm
Baaghi - 3 (H)	(S-4)	10.10 am, 1.10 pm
		4.05 pm, 7 pm, 9.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

Baaghi - 3 (H)	(S-2)	9.40 am, 12.40 pm
		3.45 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-1)	9.00 pm
Onward (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.00 pm, 6.35 pm
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-1)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	1.20 pm; (S-3) 9.50 pm
Drona (K)	(S-4)	10.10 am
	(S-1)	3.20 pm; (S-3) 6.40 pm
Maduve Madri Sari Hogthane (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Ondu Shikariya Kathe (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm
My Name is Raja (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Gypsy (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm
College Kumar (Te)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

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Baaghi 3 (H)	9.30 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm
	6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Drona (K)	9.55 am, 3.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Onward (E-3D)	10.15 am, 7.10 pm
Maduve Madri Sari Hogtane (K)	10.25 am
Love Mocktail (K)	12.45 pm
My Name is Raja (K)	1.05 pm
College Kumar (Ta)	1.10 pm
Gypsy (Ta)	3.50 pm
Ondu Shikariya Kathe (K)	3.50 pm
Mayabazar 2016 (K)	6.40 pm
Forensic (Ma)	6.55 pm
Wrong Turn (K)	9.35 pm
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR. 7)

JSS Urban Haat: Shahari Samruddhi Utsav, an exhibition-cum-sale to create a market platform and network for women SHG products, JSS Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**

Aradhya Mahasabha: Adi Jagadguru Sri Panchacharya Yugamanotsava - 2020, Sankalpa, Ganga Puje, Ganapati Puje, Shaivapunyaha, Naandi, Panchabrama, Kalasha Sthapane and Homa Havana, Aradhya Mahasabha, Chamundipuram, **4 pm.**

St. Maria Montessori, Kindergarten and Nursery Teacher Training Institute: 13th Graduation Day celebrations, Kodava Samaja President K.M. Belliappa inaugurates, Dr. M.P. Raghavendra, Professor, Postgraduate Department of Microbiology, Maharani's Science College for Women, guest speaker, Prof. K.A. Suresh, former Director, Centre for Soft Matter Research, Bengaluru, presides, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm.**

Vidyavardhaka Sangha and Sri K. Puttaswamy First Grade College: Vinuthana Utsava - 2020, State-level Intercollegiate Commerce, Management and IT Fest, Valedictory programme, D.C. Nagesh, International Male Model (Indian) and *Mr. Asia 2020* delivers valedictory address, Vidyavardhaka Sangha Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath presides, Sangha Treasurer S.N. Lakshminarayana, Sangha Governing Council Member D. Subbaiah and College Principal Dr. M. Shivalinge Gowda, guests of honour, Sri Sahukar Chennaiah Auditorium, VVCE Campus, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **4 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Smt. Gunamba Nanjaraj Urs Memorial Concert - Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vid. C.K. Pavandeep, accompanied by Vid. Achyuth Rao on violin, Vid. R. Adamya on mridanga and Vid. C.A. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Daiva Prajne and Karma Yoga', Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Kalikamba Kamateshwara Swamy Temple: Inauguration of the new complex, Chandikeshwara Bimba Shuddikarana, Adhibasa, Homas, Mahamangalarati, Prasada distribution, temple premises, K.T. Street, **6 pm.**

ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru: ATMEya 2020, an Annual Cultural Fest

on the theme 'Save the Wild,' 'Live Music Concert' by renowned playback singer **Sanjith Hegde** & Team, **6 pm;** Fashion Show, **8.30 pm,** Valedictory Function, College Campus, **9.30 pm to 10 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Nanjundeshwara Temple and Department of Religious Endowment: Brahmotsava, Special Pujas, Vrushabharohana, temple premises, Old Santhepet, **7 pm.**

Sri Digambar Jain Samaj and Padmashri Jain Mahila Samaj, Sankar Mutt: Palguna Masa - Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva, discourse by C.P. Kusuma Prakash of Davala Theertha, Shravanabelagola, Sri Shantishwaraswamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), New Sayyaji Rao Road, **7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR. 8)

Women's Cell, St. Philomena's College, Bannimantap: Walkathon to mark World Women's Day, Central Prison-Mysuru Chief Superintendent K.C. Divyashree inaugurates, Rector/Manager Rev. Fr. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Vice-Rector, Rev. Fr. Maria Xavier, Campus Administrator Rev. Fr. Roxan Thomas Baros, Principal Dr. Ruth Shanthakumari and Vice-Principal Prof. Sanjay Nair, other faculty members and students will be present, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **6.30 am.**

Sri Kalikamba Kamateshwara Swamy Temple: Inauguration of the new complex, Pratishta Homa, Naga and Chandikeshwara Pratishte Abhisheka Alankara puja, Mahamangalarati, **7.30 am;** Anna Santharpane, Temple premises, K.T. Street, **1 pm.**

Sri Guru Panchakshari Seva Samiti, Gadag and Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru: Ganayogi Panchakshari Sangeetha Parampara Utsava - Panchakshari Gadag Gharana Sammelana, **8.30 am to 6.30 pm;** Conferring of 'Gurukumara Panchakshari Samman-2020' award on Hindustani vocalist Pandit Indudhar Nirody, Acting VC of Music University Dr. Nagesh V. Bettakote inaugurates, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Jain Shwetambar Terapanth Mahila Mandal: International Women's Day - 'Women on Wheels' Drive (two-wheeler rally) to enter Limca Book of Records, **9 am.**

Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru: Unique programme on 'Digital Wellness' (Techniques to enhance your digital well-being), Eurpean Centres of Brahma Kumaris Director Sudesh Didi inaugurates, BK Lakshmiji will be present, presentation by BK Bala Kishore (VP-Transformation, SEARCE Software, Hyderabad), Excelsoft Technologies Pvt. Ltd.-Mysuru CEO D. Sudhanva, SJCE-STEP Chief Executive B. Shivashankar and ThoughtFocus Associate Manage-HR M. Hemanth Kumar chief guests, Gyan Sarovar, Lingadevarkoppal, Hunsur Road, **9.30 am to 1.30 pm.**

Tiger Adventure Foundation: International Women's Day special, 50 women from different profession will have hands-on experience on archery, Air Force Wives Welfare Association President Priya Sarvanan inaugurates, IGP (Southern Range) and KPA Director Vipul Kumar will be present, Seervi Samaj, KRS Road, **10 am.**

JSS Urban Haat: Shahari Samruddhi Utsav, an exhibition-cum-sale to create a market platform and network for women SHG products, JSS Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Karnataka Nekarara Rakshana Vedike: Preparatory meeting in connection with Sri Devara Dasimayya Jayanti Utsava, Jaladarshini, Hunsur Road, **10.30 am.**

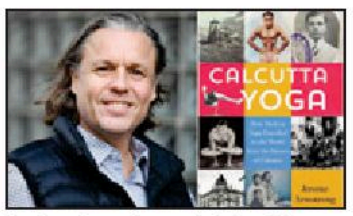
Government of Karnataka, District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru, Women and Child Development Department, Mysore University and District Sthree Shakti Okkuta, Mysuru: District Sthree Shakti Convention and Interanational Women's Day celebrations, District Minister V. Somanna inaugurates, MLA L. Nagendra presides, Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar special invitee, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**

Suchitra Art Gallery: Painting Exhibition of H.P. Rangaswamy, MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President Chandrashekar presides, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **11 am.**

Mysuru Geleyaru: 'Lankesh Nenapu' programme, senior journalist Dinesh Aminmattu speaks, U.S. Mahesh of Roopa Prakashana-Mysuru, guest, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **11 am.**

District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Labour Department and Karnataka State Unorganized Workers Social Security Board, Bengaluru: Karmika Samman Divas, District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna inaugurates, MLA S.A. Ramdas presides, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **11.30 am.**

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP): Monthly Meeting, Muralidhar Kalasapur will discuss on Income Tax, MGP office, 6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.**



Hasiru Organics and Osho Allamma Insight Foundation: International Women's Day, launch of 'Calcutta Yoga,' the latest book by Political Strategist **Jerome Armstrong,** Osho Sannidhi - International Meditation Resort, Sarkati Uttanahalli, Outer Ring Road, **4 pm to 6 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Smt. Indiradevi Praphullachandra Veerappa Memorial Concert - Karnatak Classical Vocal Duet by Vidu. Lakshmi Nagaraj & Vidu. Indu Nagaraj, accompanied by Vid. Anirudh Bharadwaj on violin, Vid. Keshava Dutt on mridanga, Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on ghata, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Spirituality in Family Life,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Bettada Jeeva,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Natana School of Theatre Arts: Staging of play 'Seetarama Katha,' School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Digambar Jain Samaj and Padmashri Jain Mahila Samaj, Sankar Mutt: Palguna Masa - Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva, discourse by Suma Prasad, Sri Shantishwaraswamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), New Sayyaji Rao Road, **7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Walkathon to mark World Women's Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 7- The Women's Cell of St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, has organised a Walkathon tomorrow (Mar.8) on the occasion of World Women's Day.

The Walkathon will be flagged off at 6.30 am from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, and pass through major streets of the city before culminating at St. Philomena's College.

The Walkathon will be inaugurated by K.C. Divyashree, Chief Superintendent, Central Prison, Mysuru.

Rector/Manager Rev. Fr. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Maria Xavier, Campus Administrator Rev. Fr. Roxan Thomas Baros, College Principal Dr. Ruth Shanthakumari, Vice-Principal Prof. Vidhyadhar Sanjay Nair, other faculty members and students will be present, according to a press release.

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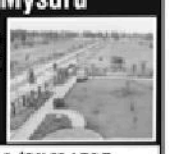
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